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SUBJ: FONMIN OHIRA UPPER HOUSE RESPONSE ON PRESIDENT'S
FOREIGN POLICY REPORT

1. FONMIN MASAYOSHI OHIRA OFFERED FIRST CLARIFICATION OF
GOJ VIEWS OF PRESIDENT'S FOREIGN POLICY REPORT DURING UPPER
HOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE SESSION MAY 8 IN RESPONSE TO
QUESTIONS BY JIRO MORIMOTO AND HIDEO DEN (BOTH JSP).
OHIRA RESPONSES REPORTED BY KYODO WIRE SERVICE EVENING MAY 8
AND IN SANKEI SHIMBUN AND JAPAN TIMES MORNING MAY 9.

2. ACCORDING TO REPORTS, OHIRA SAID THAT PRESIDENT STRESSED
NATURAL REQUIREMENT TO ADJUST US POLICIES TO REFLECT CHANGES
WHICH HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC
STRUCTURE. OHIRA SAID THAT HE COULD WELL UNDERSTAND THRUST OF
REPORT, INCLUDING EXPECTATIONS OF JAPAN EXPRESSED BY US, IN VIEW
OF INCREASE IN RELATIVE WEIGHT OF JAPAN- US RELATIONS IN WORLD
ECONOMY. HE ALSO CAUTIONED JAPANESE AGAINST EXCESSIVE
PREOCCUPATION WITH REPORT'S WARNING OF DANGER THAT ECONOMIC
CONFRONTATION COULD EVEN OPEN CRACKS IN US- JAPAN POLITICAL
RELATIONSHIP, SINCE SIMILAR WARNING ALSO DIRECTED AT EUROPE
AS WELL.

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3. AT SAME TIME OHIRA EMPHASIZED THAT US SHOULD SHOW MORE UNDERSTANDING OF CURRENT TREND IN JAPAN- US ECONOMIC RELATIONS, AND OF JAPAN' S EFFORTS TO IMPROVE BALANCE BEGINNING LAST YEAR, PARTICULARLY RESULTS ACHIEVED THIS YEAR, ADDING THAT COMMUNICATION AND UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN JAPAN AND US NOW MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER.

4. TOUCHING ON NEW ATLANTIC CHARTER CONCEPT OUTLINED BY DR KISSINGER, OHIRA STATED THAT JAPAN SHOULD COOPERATE AS MATTER OF COURSE, SINCE COMMON PROBLEMS FACED BY JAPAN AND US, TRADE, CURRENCY AND ENVIRONMENT ARE GLOBAL IN NATURE AND REQUIRE COOPERATION OF NATIONS INVOLVED FOR RESOLUTION.
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